The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-37, allows candidates for the office of Governor to provide a statement, not exceeding 500 words, to assist the voters of this State in making their determination among the candidates. Following are the statements submitted.

Seth Kaper-Dale Green

Do you have a choice this November 7th? Yes!!

In New Jersey, the political bosses of both major parties eat from the same banquet table and only throw crumbs to the rest of us. We're left struggling to get by.

In sixteen years as a central Jersey pastor and social justice activist, I've launched and administered non-profit organizations running programs to improve lives. This work includes providing a) affordable housing for homeless veterans, young women aging out of foster homes and people exiting prison; b) mental health services; and c) after-school programs. Our work resettling refugees and defending immigrant rights gained notoriety in 2012, when my church provided sanctuary to nine Indonesians.

My running mate, Lisa Durden of Newark, is a film producer, social media presence and expert commentator. Essex County College fired her after she defended a Black Lives Matter event on national television. Lisa and I believe our state is only as healthy as those with the least. Everyone deserves the chance to thrive. Our "Last Are First" platform creates a well-spring of opportunities surging up from below, including:

- Full funding for public education. Related to that, children must know where they'll sleep at night.
 We'll support families by expanding the Rental Assistance Program and increasing childcare and afterschool programs.
- Increased funding for affordable housing while combatting apartheid neighborhoods to promote school de-segregation.
- Reforming our criminal justice system to eliminate racial disparity in policing and sentencing, ending
 mandatory minimums and starting prisoner re-entry on Day One of a prison term. The imprisoned
 should keep their right to vote. And prison labor must be paid decent wages!
- **Protecting the environment** by halting fossil fuel pipeline expansion and eliminating carbon emissions by 5% annually. We will **confront polluters harming poor communities. We'll promote renewable energy that will drive new jobs**.
- **Defending undocumented immigrants** in our communities **against the Trump policies of ethnic cleansing.** We will promote Sanctuary and extend drivers licenses to immigrants.
- Supporting union organizing, the right to collective bargaining, equal pay for women, prevailing wages and a minimum wage of \$15/hour.
- Enacting Single-payer Medicare for All. Healthcare is a right from cradle to grave! Eliminating the profit motive from healthcare saves money. This will decrease property and rental taxes, lower

college costs and help save state pensions.

- Creating a public bank which will empower NJ to extend credit to re-build our failing water and transportation infrastructure, halt residential foreclosures and provide low-interest student loans.
- Ending corporate welfare and adding **new income tax brackets**, so that those making millions significantly increase their contributions for the common good.
- Legalizing marijuana with a focus on job creation for communities confronting discrimination including people with disabilities, transgender persons and urban youth.
- Combatting violence against women and children and defending a woman's right to control her own body.

The Green Party's Seth Kaper-Dale and Lisa Durden are the **Only Progressives Running** for the statehouse. Make us **your choice** November 7; we will be **your voice** in Trenton.

Visit our campaign website: www.KaperDaleForGovernor.com